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Dear Sir,

I am part of a worldwide network that is working on getting the BeOS or equivalent back into the market place. This new OS will have unique & specifics features a part of the classic general computer characteristics.
but there is no hope of success if the following issues aren't addressed :

* MS Office and Windows are too close to let consumers choose between several OSs. Working on medias on BeOS (because of its unique features and low cost applications), I has sometimes letters to send and
because MS Office monopoly, I have no choice than boot on Windows and work on MS Word. MS Office needs to be opened, so that developers interested in porting it or understanding the document formats can do
so either in form of a source code licence or an allowance to see it, check it and "clone libraries", so that applications on non- Windows OSs can read and write MS Office formats for flawless interaction with Windows
users.

* All the OEM Microsoft should be able to propose a 'dual boo' for an alternative operating system if the consumer wants it. With dual booting, consumers will be able to compare closely the characteristics of teh OS
and chose. The pressure of Micorsoft on the OEM leave the alternative OSs as 'geek toys'. 'TuneTracker' application let you build a fully automatic radio with half the price comparing to Windows applicatiosn.

* The Win32 API needs to be made available (incl. undocumented APIs) so that WINE can be successfully ported not only to BeOS but other OS too.

* The file system needs to be opened, so that BeOS users can continue to access files on non-BFS partitions.

This should restore and improve competitiveness in the computer market and improve consumers benefits. This should certainly let me choose between all the products available in the market.

Best Regards

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